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Application of : Jane C. Cheng, et al.
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Title : PROCESS FOR PREPARING SHORT CHAIN ALKYL AROMATIC COMPOUNDS
Group Art Unit : 1764
Examiner : B. Yildirim

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 3, 1998, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.
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The period for response has been extended one (1) month to April 3, 1999 by the accompanying petition. Please charge the requisite fee to our Deposit Account No. 19-3150.

Remarks

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kushnerick et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,992,606). The Examiner takes the position that the invention is disclosed in Kushnerick et al. because although the reference allegedly teaches that "it may be desirable" or "it is desirable" to